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REF: A. USCINCEUR ECJ3 02325 DTG 112309Z FEB 75 NOTAL

B. USCINCEUR ECJ3 3706HKTG 241334Z FEB 75 NOTAL

C. JCUB7663 DTG 110344Z MAR 75 NOTAL

1. IN A MEMORANDUM TO SYG (CMCM-50-75, POUCHED TO CENTRAL REGISTRY NO. 5693), CHAIRMAN MC OUTLINES SACEUR'S PROPOSALS FOR INTEGRATING PROGRAMMED NAT LLAL AND NATO EXERCISES INTO A SINGLE SHAPE EXERCISE NICKNAMED AUTUMN FORGE 75.

2. SACEUR'S PROPOSAL FOR AUTUMN FORGE 75 CALLS FOR INTEGRATING THE CONCEPTS OF INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES WITHIN A COMMON PRE-HOSTILITIES SCENARIO WHICH POSTULATES SERIES OF NATIONAL, MULTINATIONAL AND NATO EXERCISES IN RESPONSE TO BUILD-UP OF ORANGE FORCES TERMINATING WITH A COMMAND POST EXERCISE (ABLE ARCHER). THE SCENARIO FOR AUTUMN FORGE WILL DEPICT PERIOD OF RISING POLITICAL/MILITARY TENSION AND ACTIVITY CAUSING SACEUR TO REQUEST REINFORCEMENTS (PRESUMABLY CRESTED CAP AND REFORGER FORCES) AND EXERCISES TO DEMONSTRATE ACE SOLIDARITY AND FLEXITILBIY.

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3. SUBJECT TO FURTHER CLAIRIFICATION WHICH WE HOPE TO RECIEVE AS PLANS FOR AUTUMN FORGE 75 ARE FURTHER DEVELOPED, WE BELIEVE EXERCISE WILL COMPLEMENT THE BROAD SCENARIOS FOR THIS YEAR'S CRESTED CAP AND REFORGER EXERCISES (REFS). IN ANTICIPATION OF DPC

DISCUSSION ON THE AUTUMN FORGE CONCEPT AS OUTLINED IN CMCM-50-75,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS OR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS
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